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1. DURING THE CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL CONCERNING THE TRIP TO EGYPT AND JORDAN OF KING JUAN CARLOS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AFRICA AND CONTINENTAL ASIA (MORAN), WHO EXPECTED TO GO ALONG, VOLUNTEERED THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIP SPANISH OFFICIALS (NOT THE KING, BUT PERHAPS THE FOREIGN MINISTER) MIGHT HAVE A CONTACT WITH "THE PALESTINIANS." HE STRESSED THAT SPAIN HAD NO ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND SOUGHT NO, REPEAT NO, INTERMEDIARY STATUS. NONETHELESS HE WENT ON TO MAKE THE POINT THAT IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THE U.S. WOULD WISH THE SPANISH TO SAY OR DO ON THIS TRIP WE SHOULD LET THEM KNOW. EMBOFFS UNDER-TOOK TO RELAY THIS OFFER, WHICH WAS MADE IN A QUITE SERIOUS VEIN.

2. WE CANNOT JUDGE FROM HERE THE POSSIBLE UTILITY OF A SPANISH CHANNEL PER SE, BUT JUDGE THAT THE GOS WANTS TO BE HELPFUL AS PART OF ITS OVERALL POSTURE OF PLACING INCREASED EMPHASIS ON ITS RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. EVEN IF THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC POINTS WE WOULD LIKE THE

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SPANISH TRAVELERS TO REINFORCE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE US WITH A SUITABLE RESUME OF OUR CURRENT THINKING ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUES WHICH WE COULD PROVIDE ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AT A LEVEL TO BE DETERMINED. EATON

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